

### ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to topical skin care compositions having improved stability containing a retinoid and a non-paraben preservative and being substantially free of paraben preservatives. Preferred non-paraben preservatives include phenols, phenol salts, carboxylic acids, carboxylic acid salts, quaternium ammonium compounds, halogens, halogen salts, 5 alcohols, inorganic salts, heterocyclic compounds, emulsifying preservatives, and mixtures thereof. The present invention also relates to methods of using such compositions to regulate the condition of skin and/or hair.